

# MEMO

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**DATE:** February 3, 2005

**TO:** The Regional Council  
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee  
The Energy and Environment Committee  
The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

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**SUBJECT:** State and Federal Legislative Matrix

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The California State Legislature reconvened on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, launching the 2005-2006 Legislative Session. This is the first year of a two-year session; no bills or constitutional amendments have carried over from 2004. Since the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has met the constitutional deadline of submitting his Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget to the Legislature. Bill introduction during this early part of the session will be guided by two dates: January 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel, and February 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day for bill introduction.

SCAG Government Affairs staff is reviewing new bills as they are introduced for relevance to SCAG's jurisdictional areas of interest. As of this writing on January 13, 2005, fourteen bills or constitutional amendments have been flagged for further review. Attached to this memo, all fourteen are listed in a brief summary for the Regional Council. Each committee, however, will receive with this memo a more detailed look at bills within its field. Due to the congressional inaugural break, there is no federal legislation to review at this time.



CA AB 17	<p><b>AUTHOR:</b> Koretz (D)</p> <p><b>TITLE:</b> Coastal Resources: Beaches: Prohibiting Smoking</p> <p><b>FISCAL COMMITTEE:</b> yes</p> <p><b>URGENCY CLAUSE:</b> no</p> <p><b>INTRODUCED:</b> 12/06/2004</p> <p><b>DISPOSITION:</b> Pending</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Assembly Natural Resources Committee</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Makes it an infraction for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette on a state coastal beach. Permits the state to develop and post signs at a state coastal beach to provide notice of the smoking prohibition.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> 01/06/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION.</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> AirQuality</p>
CA AB 32	<p><b>AUTHOR:</b> Pavley (D)</p> <p><b>TITLE:</b> Greenhouse Gas Emissions: California Climate Registry</p> <p><b>FISCAL COMMITTEE:</b> yes</p> <p><b>URGENCY CLAUSE:</b> no</p> <p><b>INTRODUCED:</b> 12/06/2004</p> <p><b>DISPOSITION:</b> Pending</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> ASSEMBLY</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Revises the functions and duties of the California Climate Action Registry. Requires the registry, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to adopt specified procedures and protocols both for monitoring, estimating, calculating, reporting, and certifying greenhouse gas emission reduction projects, and for monitoring emissions resulting from specified industrial sectors.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> 12/06/2004 INTRODUCED.</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> AirQuality</p>
CA SB 44	<p><b>AUTHOR:</b> Kehoe (D)</p> <p><b>TITLE:</b> General Plans: Air Quality Element</p> <p><b>FISCAL COMMITTEE:</b> yes</p> <p><b>URGENCY CLAUSE:</b> no</p> <p><b>INTRODUCED:</b> 01/04/2005</p> <p><b>DISPOSITION:</b> Pending</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> SENATE</p> <p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Requires the legislative body of each city and county, other than those in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, to amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing elements.</p> <p><b>STATUS:</b> 01/04/2005 INTRODUCED.</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> AirQuality, LandUse</p>

CA SB 6	<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Ducheny (D)
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Enterprise Zones: Designation Period
	<b>FISCAL COMMITTEE:</b>	yes
	<b>URGENCY CLAUSE:</b>	yes
	<b>INTRODUCED:</b>	12/06/2004
	<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	Pending
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	SENATE
	<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Relates to the Enterprise Zone Act designations by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Specifies that the designation period of any enterprise zone may total 20 years,

subject to certain conditions.

**STATUS:**

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

EconDevel

CA SB 58

**AUTHOR:**

Murray (D)

**TITLE:**

Economic Development: Motion Picture Production

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

01/12/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

SENATE

**SUMMARY:**

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to discourage the practice of producing and filming motion pictures outside the state.

**STATUS:**

01/12/2005

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

EconDevel

**Private file:** Energy

CA SB 1

**AUTHOR:**

Murray (D)

**TITLE:**

Energy: Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

12/06/2004

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

SENATE

**SUMMARY:**

Establishes the Solar Homes Peak Energy Procurement Subaccount within the Emerging Renewable Resources Account to fund the Solar Homes Peak Energy Procurement Program. Requires the Energy Commission to award rebates. Authorizes the Commission to provide incentives, to support the installation of solar energy systems on existing and new residential construction. Requires that amounts collected to fund such alternative energy and research and development be set by the PUC.

**STATUS:**

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

Environment

**Private file:** Housing

CA AB 63

**AUTHOR:**

Strickland (R)

**TITLE:**

Elderly and Disabled Home Improvement Loan Program

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

12/09/2004

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Establishes within the Department of Housing and Community Development the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Program to provide grants to local public agencies or nonprofit corporations, or to provide no-interest home improvement loans to qualified low- and moderate-income elderly and disabled individuals to assist them with daily activities and prevent injury and to allow them to remain safely in their own homes.

**STATUS:**

01/06/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and AGING &amp; LONG-TERM CARE.

**Subject:**

Housing

CA SR 8

**AUTHOR:**

Torlakson (D)

**TITLE:**

Transportation and Housing

**INTRODUCED:**

01/11/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

Senate Rules Committee

**SUMMARY:**

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Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces.

**STATUS:**

01/11/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/11/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

**Subject:**

Housing, Transport

**Private file:** LocalFinance

CA ACA 7

**AUTHOR:**

Nation (D)

**TITLE:**

Local Governmental Taxation

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

12/06/2004

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

ASSEMBLY

**SUMMARY:**

Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to change the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to instead authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**STATUS:**

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

Revenue/Bond

**Private file:** Transportation

CA ACA 4

**AUTHOR:**

Plescia (R)

**TITLE:**

Transportation Investment Fund

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

12/06/2004

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

ASSEMBLY

**SUMMARY:**

Relates to existing law which requires that sales taxes on motor vehicle fuel that are deposited into the General Fund be transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund. Deletes the provision authorizing the Governor and the Legislature to suspend the transfer of revenues from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency.

**STATUS:**

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

Revenue/Bond, Transport

CA SB 32

**AUTHOR:**

Alarcon (D)

**TITLE:**

Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

12/09/2004

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

SENATE

**SUMMARY:**

Declares the intent of the Legislature to establish the Los Angeles County Regional Airport Authority.

**STATUS:**

12/09/2004

INTRODUCED.

**Subject:**

Transport

CA SB 45

**AUTHOR:**

Alarcon (D)

**TITLE:**

Intermodal Marine Terminals

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

01/05/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

000033

**LOCATION:** SENATE**SUMMARY:**

Prohibits an intermodal marine equipment provider or marine terminal operator from imposing per diem or detention charges, or demurrage charges, on an intermodal motor carrier relative to transactions involving cargo shipped by intermodal transport under certain circumstances.

**STATUS:**

01/05/2005 INTRODUCED.

**Subject:** Transport

CA SB 53

**AUTHOR:** Kehoe (D)**TITLE:** San Diego County Regional Airport Authority**INTRODUCED:** 01/10/2005**DISPOSITION:** Pending**LOCATION:** SENATE**SUMMARY:**

Repeals obsolete provisions pertaining to the interim San Diego County Regional Airport Authority board. Makes a technical corrective change. Amends the San Diego County Regional Airport Act to explicitly restate the applicability of the Ralph M. Brown Act to the Authority.

**STATUS:**

01/10/2005 INTRODUCED.

**Subject:** Transport

CA SR 8

**AUTHOR:** Torlakson (D)**TITLE:** Transportation and Housing**INTRODUCED:** 01/11/2005**DISPOSITION:** Pending**LOCATION:** Senate Rules Committee**SUMMARY:**

Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces.

**STATUS:**

01/11/2005 INTRODUCED.

01/11/2005 To SENATE Committee on RULES.

**Subject:** Housing, Transport**Private file: Water**

CA SB 31

**AUTHOR:** Florez (D)**TITLE:** Water Fees**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes**INTRODUCED:** 12/09/2004**DISPOSITION:** Pending**LOCATION:** SENATE**SUMMARY:**

Revises provisions for making water rights filings with the Water Resources Control Board. Changes the listing of applications subject to the board's schedule of fees. Denominates the fees as transaction fees. Limits the fees to processing costs. Requires adjustments of individual transactional fees. Requires the annual permit or license fees to be imposed based upon the number of acre-feet of water covered by the permit or license.

**STATUS:**

12/09/2004 INTRODUCED.

**Subject:** Water